

**Emigrant Gap Mutual Water Company
2014 WATER QUALITY
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

This report shows our water quality and what it means. For additional information concerning your drinking water, contact Peters Drilling at (530) 273-8136.

Water for Emigrant Gap MWC comes from two groundwater wells.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Definitions of Terms

In this report you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are established by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Public Health Goal or PHG – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHG's are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Primary Drinking Water Standard – MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Regulatory Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Water Testing Results

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds,

reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. The term "contaminant," as used below refers to any substance in water, other than pure water itself that is regulated and monitored for health or aesthetic reasons.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Emigrant Gap Mutual Water Company is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the State Department of Public Health (Department) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also

establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly individuals, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers and/or the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

Detected Contaminants in Our Water

Emigrant Gap Mutual Water Company routinely monitors for contaminants in our drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following paragraphs and tables show the results of our most recent testing. Please note that not all testing is required annually, so in some cases our results are more than one year old.

Microbiological Water Quality

Testing for bacteriological contaminants in the distribution system is required by State regulations. This testing is done regularly to verify that the water system is free from coliform bacteria. The number of samples found to contain coliform in any one month was one in July.

Violation Information

Routine tests in July found amounts of coliform bacteria in our water. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. The water system retested and all follow up samples were found to be absent of bacteria.

Chemicals Detected In Our Water

The following table gives a list of all regulated chemicals that were detected in our water during the most recent samplings.

Chemical Detected	Year Tested	Level Detected	MCL	PHG (or MCLG)	Origin
Chloride	2014	Well 1: 0.4 ppm Well 2: 0.4 ppm	500	500	Naturally occurring; seawater influence
Sulfate	2014	Well 1: 0.3 ppm Well 2: 2.8 ppm	500	500	Naturally occurring; industrial waste
Total Dissolved Solids	2014	Well 1: 101 ppm Well 2: 82 ppm	1000	N/A	Run-off/leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductivity	2014	Well 1: 204 µmhos/cm Well 2: 178 µmhos/cm	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions in water; seawater influence
Sodium	2014	Well 1: 6.7 ppm Well 2: 6.9 ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Hardness	2014	Well 1: 78 ppm Well 2: 66 ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity	2014	Well 1: 0.20 NTU Well 2: 2.3 NTU	5	N/A	Soil runoff
Zinc	2011	Well 2: 51.1 ppb	5000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Barium	2014	Well 1: 35.3 ppb Well 2: 11.0 ppb	1000	2000	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Cadmium	2011	Well 2: 5.6 ppb	5	0.04	Internal corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from electroplating and industrial chemical factories, and metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Radio chemistry	2014	Well #2: 1.08 pCi/L (+/- 1.06)	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	2014	Well 1: 0.10 ppm Well 2: 0.12 ppm	1	1	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	2014	11 ppb	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits
Color	2014	Well 1: 5 Units Well 2: 5 Units	15	15	Naturally-occurring organic material

N/A = not applicable

Although there is no MCL for sodium in public drinking water, we are providing sodium test results for persons who might be on a low sodium diet. The American Heart Association recommends that persons on such a diet should use drinking water containing no more than 20 ppm of sodium. Likewise, hardness results (calcium + magnesium) are provided for informational purposes only, as there is no MCL.

Lead & Copper Testing Results

Lead & copper testing of water from individual taps in the distribution system is required by State regulations. The table below summarizes the most recent monitoring for these constituents. If the 90th percentile result does not exceed the action level for either lead or copper, the water system is in compliance.

	Year Tested	No. of Samples Collected	No. of Samples Required	90 th Percentile Result (ppb)	No. Samples Above Action Level	Action Level (ppb)
Lead	2014	10	10	5.7	0	15
Copper	2014	10	10	173.5	0	1300